



ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 10: 15th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are having a busy month here at St Boniface's! This week Year 3 and Year 4 have travelled to Chester Zoo! On Thursday, Year 2 walked around the local area to look at human and physical features. Thank you to all the classes on school trips who showed exemplary behaviour. We have had a non-uniform day for donations for the Christmas Fair and Pyjama day for Children in Need. Thank you to everyone who brought in bottle donations and £1 for the respective causes. For our non-uniform day on the 22nd of November, please bring in chocolates as your donations to your class teacher or the school office.

We are also aware that there are a few viruses and bugs going around at this time of year; please bring your children in as much as possible. We are really pleased with the attendance this year so far! Keep it up!

Next week we will be welcoming our new School Business Manager, Mr Bland. We wish him the best of luck and are excited to have him join our team!

Congratulations to our football team who progressed to the next round of the cup on Monday!

Upcoming Events:

19th November: Pyjama day year 3

21st November: Parents' Meeting for Sacramental Programme 3.15-3.45pm

22nd November: Non Uniform day for chocolate donation for Christmas fair

22nd November: Baptism for those children who wish to make their Holy Communion and are not yet baptised.

24th November: Presentation mass -sacramental programme children at St Thomas's church 11am

28th November: Christmas Fair in school 3.15-5 15pm

29th November: Year 2 Trip to Manchester Airport

3rd December: Advent wreath blessing service 9.15am in school

4th December: Year 6 taster session at All Hallows

10th December: Nativity production for EYFS parents 2pm

11th December: Nativity production for KS1 parents 2pm

12th December: Pantomime for whole school 9.30 am

17th December: Christmas lunch and party day- wear your Christmas party clothes



19th December: Winter Wonderland day £1 donation- wear your Christmas jumper

20th December: Carols at the crib 1.15pm

20th December: School closes for Christmas Holidays at 2pm

Safeguarding

We are always keen to work in partnership with you and if you have any concerns at all about the safety or wellbeing of a child please contact a member of our safeguarding team.

Please may I politely remind you to only use the designated paths for entry and exit from school. Please also take care when moving around the building as there are large numbers of people moving at once. Keep in mind you must not park and stop within the “keep clear” zones outside school; there have been some near misses and it is essential that we remain vigilant about safety on the roads. Please may I also remind you to shut the front door at the reception office once you have entered or exited the building.

Our school office is extremely busy but is not officially open until 8.am. Please try to avoid calling before this time.

Attendance

Our attendance has continued to be excellent. Whilst there have been a few illnesses this week, we are thrilled with the effort of all parents to bring their children into school. Please keep this up throughout the year as we are seeing the positive effect this is having on our children!

This week attendance for the whole school was 92.4%. Well done to Year 4 who were this week's attendance winners with 97.4%

Appointments with Staff

Please could I request that if you wish to speak with a member of staff about a concern that you make an appointment with them? Unfortunately we are not always immediately available but if you wish to speak with one of the teachers contact them via class dojo or alternatively if you wish to speak with myself, Mrs Rose, Miss Campbell or Miss Casey contact the school office who will make a brief note of what your appointment is about and ensure that the correct person deal with your concern.

Uniform

School uniform consists of a school jumper or cardigan, light blue shirt, grey/black trousers or skirt/pinafore, a tie, grey or black socks/tights, and black shoes. For PE days children will need a PE kit. The PE kit is a plain white tee shirt, blue shorts and black pumps. Please make sure that all items of uniform including PE kit are labelled clearly with your child's name. Don't forget that Magic Monday's children are allowed to be in their PE kit all day. We will be working outside on Forest Schools this half term on a Monday so please make sure that your child has a coat with them.



After School Clubs

This term we have on offer: Dance and Gym, Ukulele, Choir, Football Club, and Christmas Craft Club. Please check on Parent pay for more details. Clubs will change every half term so that we are able to ensure that we are meeting the needs of every child. From next half term to help cover the cost of the resources we will need to charge £1 per child per club. This will help us keep the after school extracurricular provision improving.

The Well Being club has finished for the half term now but we will have more opportunities to support wellbeing later in the year.

Please note that there is no charge for the Sacramental Programme group, Booster group or the Wellbeing club as these are funded via a different means.

Booster Groups

We are running after school booster groups for pupils in Year 6 who would benefit from an extra focused session working on Maths or English. If your child is invited to attend these sessions please support them in doing so.

Sacramental Programme

The sessions run each week on a Thursday from 3.15-4pm with myself and Mrs Moran. Please let us know if your child wishes to make their first Holy Communion this year. If you wish to have your child make their first Holy Communion but they are to yet baptised, please contact me as soon as possible.

Baptism is also available next Friday for students who need it. This will be at 6pm at St Thomas'.

School lunches

Our school provides very tasty lunches wonderfully prepared by Mrs Blair and Miss Hunter. Please try to make sure that you choose your child's lunch before school via School Grid and discuss the choices with them. I have noticed that sometimes the children do not want to eat what has been chosen for them. Jacket potatoes and sandwiches are available every day if there is nothing on the main menu that the children like. If there is no pre order completed the default meal is a cheese sandwich.

Reach more parents

Thank you to all parents who have signed up to ReachMoreParents. Please check your email for login details and sign into your account as soon as possible please. We are aware that some parents have not received emails or login details. There has been an issue with the data input from SIMS. Mrs Burnett and Mr Groarke are currently fixing the issue. All primary contacts will be set up by the end of next week. In the meantime, please check your emails for any updates regarding ReachMoreParents. Thank you for your patience with this. We hope that the new service will make things a lot easier in the long run.



Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to Mrs Crookes, Merrick, Bobby, Logan, Christopher and Paulo - enjoy your celebrations.

Congratulations to our star pupils this week who have been chosen by their teachers for a special mention.

Have a lovely weekend!

God bless,

Mrs Groarke